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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 09/160,581 :  
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FOR: A METHOD FOR CUTTING AN :  
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**AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.